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## United States Department of the Interior

# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FILLMORE FIELD OFFICE

35 East 500 North Fillmore, Utah 84631



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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

September 15, 2009

#### **DECISION**

Phil Levin, President

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43 CFR

SURFACE MANAGEMENT

#### Determination of Release of Financial Guarantee

Your notification of completed reclamation and your request for the release of surety, regarding Notice Case Files UTU 78278, has been conveyed to the Fillmore Field Office (FFO). Reclamation of the site under this notice has been completed and is adequate.

Amount of Financial Guarantee – The FFO has determined a financial guarantee for the reclaimed site of your Notice UTU 78278 in T. 18 S., R. 13 W., sections 3 and 4 is no longer necessary.

Required Financial Guarantee - A financial guarantee in the amount of \$9,000.00 is currently being held by the Bureau of Land Management in the form of a Surety Bond No. 69590, Levin Stone as principle/obligor and Nova Casualty Company as Surety executed December 15, 2005. The bond is applied to UTU 78278 which corresponds to UDOGM cases S/027/086. This financial guarantee may be released.

Appeal of the Decision Determining the Required Financial Guarantee Amount - If you do not agree and are adversely affected by this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 3809.804, you may request that the Utah BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director review, the request must be received in the Utah BLM State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this decision. A copy of the request must also be sent to this office. The request must be in accordance with the provisions provided in 43 CFR 3809.805. If a State Director review is requested, this decision will remain in effect while the State Director review is pending, unless a stay is granted by the State Director. Standards for obtaining a stay are given below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of BLM's receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the Utah BLM State Office to determine when BLM receives the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21 day period in which to file your notice of appeal with the IBLA (see procedures below).

If you wish to bypass a State Director review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the FFO at, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of this notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

#### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- 1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- 2. The likelihood of the appellants success on the merits,
- 3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- 4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerry Mansfield, FFO Geologist, at 435-743-3125 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Bailey

Acting Field Manager

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Enclosure:

Form 1842-1

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